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TO AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY  
AMEMBASSY PARIS

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM

SUBJECT: ALLEGED ARREST BY GOVERNMENT OF URUGUAY OF  
PIANIST MIGUEL ESTRALLAS

1. YEHUDI MENUHIN (LONDON TELEPHONE 340-1104) TELEPHONED  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY PATT DERIAN MORNING OF DECEMBER 28 TO  
REPORT THAT A PROMINENT URUGUAYAN PIANIST "DISAPPEARED"  
PROBABLY AS RESULT OF ARREST BY URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORITIES IN MONTEVIDEO ON DECEMBER 16 AND THAT THE GOU  
HAS SAID THAT THERE WILL SOON BE A TRIAL. MR. MENUHIN  
DID NOT KNOW THE NATURE OF THE CHARGES, IF ANY, AGAINST  
ESTRALLAS BUT HE SAID THAT HE HAD MENTIONED THE CASE TO  
AMBASSADOR KINGMAN BREWSTER AT A SOCIAL OCCASION ON THE  
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EVENING OF DECEMBER 15 AND AMBASSADOR BREWSTER HAD SHOWN  
INTEREST IN THE MATTER.

2. MR. MENUHIN SAID THAT INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE EFFORTS  
ON BEHALF OF MR. ESTRALLAS ARE BEING COORDINATED BY M. YVES  
HAGENAUER OF PARIS (TELEPHONE 843-9313 OFFICE, AND  
745-3842 HOME). ONE OBJECT OF THESE EFFORTS IS TO TRY TO

EFFECT INDEPENDENT LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR ESTRALLAS.

3. MR. MENUHIN ASKED SPECIFICALLY WHETHER AN AMERICAN  
CONSULAR OFFICIAL COULD BE PRESENT AT "TRIAL". DEPARTMENT

OFFICER HANDLING CALL STATED THAT WE WOULD CERTAINLY  
NOTIFY AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO OF THE CASE AND WOULD SEEK  
ADVICE OF OUR AMBASSADOR AS TO WHAT THE FACTS OF THE  
CASE ARE AND HOW USG MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
AND SUGGEST THAT AMEMBASSY LONDON MAY WISH TO KEEP IN  
CONTACT WITH MENUHIN ON THE MATTER. MENUHIN LEAVES  
LONDON SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 FOR CONCERT TOUR OF U.S.

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